

## MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 17, 2013 Agenda Item: OHV Grants

**Division:** Parks

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation**: 7 min.

**Background** (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.):

One of the programs administered by Montana State Parks is the OHV Grant Program. It is a relatively small, but important, annual grant program. The application period closed August 2<sup>nd</sup> with 18 applications received.

The applications were scored by staff and discussed at a scheduled meeting of the citizen's Off-Highway Advisory Committee (OHVAC) meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. All the grant applications were discussed with the OHVAC members present, resulting in a final recommendation for funding 11 applications.

**Public Involvement Process & Results** (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public):

Following presentation to the Parks Board, public comment on the award of the proposed projects will be solicited via the standard process for a 30-day period.

**Alternatives and Analysis** (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

Alt. #1 – not issue the proposed OHV grant award projects for public comment.

Alt. #2 – proceed with the public comment process for the proposed OHV grant awards.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale** (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it):

Proceed with the public comment process for the proposed award of the 11 OHV grants as scored and discussed with the citizen's OHVAC members.

**Proposed Motion** (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation):

I move to have the Parks Division proceed with the public comment process for the 11 proposed OHV grants. Final Board concurrence will occur following the public comment process.